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November 20, 2023

Ontario Heritage Trust  
Executive Director's Office  
10 Adelaide Street East  
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3

Dear Sir or Madame:

**RE: Intention to Designate (Paint Lake Cemetery and School House)**  
**Property Roll No.: 4427-030-003-12300 & 4427-030-003-12503**  
**Civic Address: 1099 Paint Lake Road**

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Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O., as amended, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays passed the following resolution at the last regular meeting on November 14, 2023:

**"Resolution TC-254-2023**

**WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby receives the staff report "Intention to Designate - Paint Lake Cemetery and School House" dated November 14, 2023**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby authorizes the Heritage Advisory Committee to publish a Notice of Intention to Designate the Paint Lake Cemetery and School House property, located on Part of Lot 5 and 6, Concession 10, in the geographic Township of Ridout, now in the Township of Lake of Bays, known municipally as 1099 Paint Lake Road and being Property Roll No. 4427-030-003-12300 and 4427-030-003-12503.**

**Carried"**

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A copy of the formal Notice of Intention to Designate is attached for Ontario Heritage Trust

Also, please be advised the Notice of Intention to Designate will be published on the Township's website under News, disseminated to Township's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and news media outlet Doppler and

muskokaregion.com) and local radio media (88.7 Hunters Bay, 105.5 Moose FM, 102.1 Country).

Council intends to pass the Heritage Designation By-law, after 30 days from the publication of the notice, at the February 13, 2024 Council meeting.

I trust this submission is satisfactory.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [lvaisanen@lakeofbays.on.ca](mailto:lvaisanen@lakeofbays.on.ca) or by telephone at (705) 635-2272 ext. 1250.

Yours truly,



Laura Vaisanen  
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure(s)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18, AS  
AMENDED, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES AT THE  
FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays intends to designate the following municipal address as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18, as amended.

**Paint Lake Cemetery & School House**

**Description of Property**

The Paint Lake Cemetery is located on Part of Lot 5 and 6, Concession 10, in the geographic Township of Ridout, now in the Township of Lake of Bays, known municipally as 1099 Paint Lake Road and being Property Roll No. 4427-030-003-12300 and 4427-030-003-12503

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

During the 1800's many settlers in the area were granted land under the Free Grants and Homestead Act. Families were responsible for clearing the land that they were granted and had to live and farm the land for 3 years before they rightfully owned it.

Paint Lake Cemetery and School House is of cultural heritage value as the last pioneer schoolhouse to operate in the Ridout Ward. Built in 1872 and originally named St. Mary's Lake School because of the nearby lake with the same name. The school operated for 73 years until it closed in June 1945. The school was built by the Nortons, Averys and the Horners, who were the main builders of that era.

The municipal cemetery was in use between the late 1880's to the present day. The gravesite found in the cemetery provides important insight into the lives of the Township of Lake of Bays' inhabitants.

The design of Paint Lake Cemetery in a Northern Ontario community serves as an excellent illustration of a rural municipal cemetery layout. This cemetery features a naturalistic environment that appeals to and offers solace to the living, while also establishing a protected area for the deceased. The inclusion of markers and monuments is used to immortalize the legacy of individuals, all set within a layout meaningful of a park, accessible to the public.

**Description of Heritage Attributes**

Key attributes of the cemetery and school that reflect its value as an important link to the history of Ridout include:

- Its location to depicts the route many early settlers travelled to make their way to their piece of paradise and establish a Crown Grant;
- Its original monuments, with their surviving inscriptions;
- The variety of styles, materials and symbolism represented in the monuments; and
- The range in sophistication of monuments and markers from stone to wood;

- Last pioneer school to operate in Ridout,

Key attributes of the cemetery that reflect its value as an early settler rural municipal cemetery design in northern Ontario include:

- Its location, was a road used by early settlers;
- Its monuments and structures with their surviving inscriptions;
- Park-like setting, including its mature trees;
- The original plan and placements of gravesites; and
- Spiritual value because settlers held strong religious beliefs;

Objections to the proposed designation must be received by the Clerk of the Township of Lake of Bays by Registered Mail or hand-delivered together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts, not later than **4:00 p.m.** on the **22nd** day of **December**. Objections will be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

Carrie Sykes, Clerk,  
1012 Dwight Beach Road,  
Dwight, Ontario P0A 1H0

For further information please contact:  
Laura Vaisanen, (705) 635-2272, ext. 1250  
Or at [lvaisanen@lakeofbays.on.ca](mailto:lvaisanen@lakeofbays.on.ca)

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